

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick



Sunday 6th January 2019 The Epiphany

A particular welcome if you are with us for the first time.
Please do stay behind after the 9.30 am service today for tea/coffee
and a chat.

If you receive Communion at your own church, you are invited to do
so here or, if you would prefer, to come forward for a blessing.

*Large print books are available, please ask a sidesperson.
We have a Loop System: please switch your hearing aid to the T position.*

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION – in St Paul's Chapel

President & Preacher The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Reader Rob Wilson

9.30 am FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARIST *(with children and young people in church)*

President and Talk The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

Hymns

94 As with gladness men of old

105 We three kings of orient are

From the service book Peace, perfect peace

775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

96 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

1ST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

(Page 700 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

In Isaiah's vision of God's light shining into the world's darkness, symbolic gifts are brought to God from East and West as tribute and praise. So our Gospel's Magi visitors to the Bethlehem stable are foreshadowed.

2ND READING **Ephesians 3:1-12** *At 8.00 am only*
(Page 190 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Riches beyond imagining, says Paul, are found in Christ. Though he is in prison for his faith, his Gospel cannot be confined – the good news that God’s purposes, once so obscure, are now made clear for Jew and Gentile alike.

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 2:1-12**
(Page 1 of the New Testament in the pew bible)

Only Matthew tells us how representatives of other strange religions came from the East to offer their homage to the one and only true God, the child who is king for ever over all earthly powers.

6.00 pm **SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)**

Readings: **Isaiah 60:1-9**
(Page 700 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)
1 Timothy 1:12-17
(Page 205 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)

Reader **Susan Trafford**

Officiant and Preacher **John Cooke**

Hymns **103** **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**
 Psalm 98 *(Page 471 of the small Prayer Book)*
 95 **Bethlehem, what greater city**
 63 **Glory to God! All heav’n with joy is ringing**
 14 **Eternal light, shine in my heart**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- That we may use the gifts we have been given to the glory of God
- Our Church School at the beginning of a new term
- Those who find the cold and dark nights difficult
- Thanks for all the potential a new year brings
- Mini Michaels, Messy Church and all work with Children & Young People

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 8 th	9.30 am	Gateway planning meeting (for February edition)
Wed 9 th	10.15 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 10 th	9.30 am	Mini Michaels
	1.00 pm	Funeral of Gladys Thornton
	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation meeting in Church
Sat 12 th	10.00 am	The Contagious Experience at Alnwick Methodist Church

Next Sunday 13th January The Baptism of Christ.

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22	CW 775 CW 776 CW 776
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, (BCP 1662)	Isaiah 55:1-11 Romans 6:1-11	

Don't forget **THE CONTAGIOUS EXPERIENCE**: 10:00-12:00, on Saturday 12th at Alnwick Methodist Church. Open to all - come along and enjoy cake & a cuppa as we share progress of the Youth and Schools work, Mighty Oaks coffee van, etc., and introduce some of the exciting resources being used.

At **EPIPHANY** we celebrate the gifts the Wise Men brought to the infant Jesus. Today, and at the beginning of this New Year, **EACH OF YOU WILL BE GIVEN A GIFT** as you leave church. The hope is that you will find it helpful as you journey through the months ahead. It comes with much love.

Saturday 26th January, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm
An Exhibition in the Parish Hall, to mark and celebrate the **21 YEARS OF THE SPITAK PROJECT**. There will be the opportunity to watch a slide show and listen to radio podcasts & music, craft and pictures available for a donation. Nibbles and coffee.

The **PA SYSTEM** is a great boon to preachers who don't want to shout and to congregations who occasionally like to hear what is said, but it is temperamental at times. Gerard would like to set up a rota to man the desk on Sundays.

Please talk to Gerard if you're interested in some basic training to help our worship in this way. No technical expertise needed, it's simple once you know what to do!

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 15 th Jan	7.30 pm	PCC in the Small Hall
Thurs 17 th Jan		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>
Sat 19 th Jan	11.00 am	Messy Church in St Michael's
Sat 26 th	11.00 am	Spitak Exhibition in Large Hall <i>see p.3</i>

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,
finding one wiser than they knew;
rich men, they met with one yet richer
King of the kings, they knelt to you:
Jesus, our wisdom from above,
wealth and redemption, life and love.

Guests of their God, they opened treasures,
incense and gold and solemn myrrh;
welcoming one too young to question
how came these gifts, and what they were.
Gift beyond price of gold or gem,
make among us your Bethlehem.

Christopher Idle from Matthew 2

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